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THOUSANDS BURIED IN THE MOLTEN LAVA

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Destruction of St. Pierre Beggars Description.

GLIMPSES OF INFERNO

Thus That Survivors of Steamer Roddam Speak of It.

REGIONS AROUND LAID WASTE

Besides the Twenty-five Thousand Who Perished in the III Fated City, Others Are Threatened by Famine-Only a Few Escaped from Death in Second Pompeii.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, May 2.—A dispatch to the Daily Mall from Point.a-Pitre, Island of Gaudaloupe, French West Indies, dated yesterday, says:

"The Mount Pelee (St. Pierre) crater ejected yesterday morning molten recks and ashes during three minutes and completely destroyed St. Pierre and districts within a four mile radius. All the inhabitants were burned.

"About eight passencers from the Boraima, of the Quebec Steamship Line, were saved by the French cruiser Suchet.

"The inhabitants of the southern district of the island, who were dependent upon St. Pierre for provisions, are menaced by famine."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Ja-

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Jafirst intimation of a disaster (at

Martinique) was the breaking of the (ables on Tuesday. The French cable to Martinique from Puerto Plata was broken Wednesday. Cable communication with all the northern islands is

stepped.

The survivors of the British steamer Roddam described the scene at St. Pierre as being glimpses of hell, beggaring description. The Roddam's men were killed chiefly by melten lava. "The Roraima was wrecked in a ter-rible upheaval of land and sea. The vessels crew perished. Two ships were lest with all on board in an attempt to approach Martinique."

MASS OF FIRE.

Governor and His Wife Perished With the Others.

The Others.

(Br Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 3.—The commander of the French cruiser Suchet has telegraphed to the Minister of Marine, M. Delanesan, from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, under date of Thursday, May Sth.

10 P. M., as follows: Have just returned from St. Pierre which has been completely destroyed by n immense mass of fire, which fell or an immense mass of fire, which icli on the town at about eight o'cleck in the morning. The entire population, about 25,000 souls, appear to have perished. I have brought back the few survivors. All the shipping in the harbor has been destroyed by fire. The erup-

olonial Minister, M. DeCrais, received at 6 o'clock this evening two ca-blegrams from the Secretary-General of the Government of Martinque, 3. E. L Huerre, sent respectively at 5 P. and 10:30 P. M. yesterday. The ear

were dispatched to the assistance of the inhabitants of that place.

The second dispatch confirmed the report of the destruction of St. Pierre and its environ and shipping sy a rain of fire, and said it is supposed that the whole population had been annihilated, with the exception of a few injured persons rescued by the cruiser Suchet.

Immediately after the receipt of the shove the flag over the Colonial Office was draped with crepe and hoisted at half-mast.

half-mast.

The commander of the French cruiser Suchet, now at Fort de France, has been ordered to return to St. Pierre, Martinique, with all the speed possible and to forward details of the disaster to the French Government. He cannot, however, be heard from for twenty-four hours, as the Suchet has gone to the Island of Guadeloupe in order to be investigated.

provisioned.
It is feared that M. L. Mouttet, the governor of Martinique, has perished. He telegraphed May 7 that he was proceeding to St Pierre, Senator Knight is also supposed to have been at St.

VOLCANO EXPLODED.

Town and its Inhabitants Destroyed Almost in the Winking of an Eye.

(Bt Associated Press.)
ST THOMAS, DANISH WEST INDIES, May 9-9:30 A. M.—The French
cruiser Suchet arrived at Point-a-Pitre. Island or Guadalupe, French West In-dies, from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, this morning, bringing sev-Martinique, this morning, bringing several refugees. She confirmed the report that the town of St. Fierre, Martinique, was destroyed at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning by a volcanic eruption. It is supposed that most of the inhabitants of St. Pierre were killed, that the neigh-boring parishes were laid waste, and that the residue of the population of St. Pierre

the residue of the population of St. Fierle is without food or shelter.

ASHES FIVE MILES AT SEA.

The British royal mail steamer Esk, which arrived at St. Lucia this morning, reports having passed St. Pierre last night. The steamer was covered with ashes, though she was five miles distant from the town, which was in impenetrable darkness. A boat was sent in as near as possible to the shore, but not a living soull was seen ashere, only flames.

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The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Roraima was seen to explode

not a single resident in St. Pierre at the moment of the catastrophe escaped.

The Governor of the colony and his staff, Colonel and wife, were in St. Pierre and perished. The extent of the

catastropne cannot be imagined.

The capitain of the British steamer
Roddam was very seriously injured and
is now in the hospital at St. Lucia. All is now in the hospital at St. Lucia. All of his officers and engineers are dead or dying. Nearly every member of the crew is dead. Super-cargo Campbell and ten firemen of the Roddam jumped overboard at St. Pierra and were lost.

The British schooner Ocean Travelier, of St. John, N. B., arrived at the Island of Dominica, British West Lindies, at 3 o'clock this afterneon. She reported that

o clock this afternoon. She reported that she was obliged to fice from the Island of St. Vincent, British West Indies, durng Wednesday afternoon, May 7th, in a volcano which was crupting there. See tried to reach the Island of St. Lucia British West Indies, but adverse cur rents prevented her from so doing.

The schoener arrived opposite St. Pierre, Martinique, Thursday morning, May Sth. While about a mile off the olcano (of Mount Pelec) exploded and fire from it swept the whole town of St Pierre, destroying the town and the s...p ping there, including the cable repai ship Grappler, of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company, of London, which was engaged in repairing the ca-ble near the Guerin factory. The Ocean Traveller while on her way to Dominica encountered a quantity of wreckage.

VERY FEW ESCAPED.

Secretary of State Has Received Message from Guadaloupe. (By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9 .- The following cablegram has just been received at the State Department from Censul Aymes, at Guadalo

Censul Aymes, at Guadaloupe: "Foint-a-Pitre, May 2, 1902."
"Secretary of State, Washington:
"At 7 A. M. on the 8th instant a stream of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and roadstead of St. Pierre, destroy-ing everything in the community. Not more than twenty persons escaped." The consul at Martinique is Thomas T. Prentiss. He was born in Michigan and appointed from Massachusetts as consul at Scychelles Islands in 1871 and later served as consul at Port Lor Rouen, France, and Bat in He appointed consul at Marinique in The vice-consul at Marinique is was appointed consul at Maranique in 1900. The vice-consul at Martinique is Ayedee Testart, who was born and ap-pointed from Louisiana in 1898. The latest available figures show that the total population of the Island of Mar-tinique is 185 consultation.

tinique is 185,000 people, of whom 25,000 (Continued on Second Page.)

REARRANGEMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

To Be Fifteen Instead of Twenty-four.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

Committee Scheme Under Which New Council Will Work.

NEW COMMITTEE CREATED

for Sidewalks and Other Improvements-Three and a Half Committees to an Alderman, and Two and a Half Committees to a Councilman

A new scheme and list of Council committees has been decided upon by a subcommittee of the special committee ap-

to the Committee on the Improvement of James River and the Board of Public Interests, both of which number in their Under he present arrangement there

The addition of Lee Ward gives ar increased number of members in each branch of the Council for committee as-While the number of the committees is decreased, the number of members on several of the committees is somewhat increased.

POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE MARK FUNERAL OF SAMPSON Military and Naval Features of the Ceremonies Over the

Dead Admiral Were Brilliant and Impressive.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 9.—With pomp and circumstances exceeding that of any naval funeral in this country in recent years at least, the remains of the late William Thomas Sampson, rear-admiral in the United States navy, were to-day laid at rest. The military and naval features of the ceremonies were brilliant and impressive. It was composed of the light battery of the United States Artillery, commanded by Captain Foote, and drawn from Fort Myer, the naval cadets from Annapolis, 247 strong, and a bat-talion of Blue Jackets from the Norm Atlantic Squadren.

The funeral services were held in the Church of the Covenant, Rev. Teunis S. Church of the Covenant, Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin officiating. A prominent figure in death mask of the dead archbishop was cablegram reported that the wires were broken between Fort de France and St. broken between Fort de France and St. broken between Fort de France and St. pleare, but it was added, in view of the pleastle bedy, was Lieutenant-General had wiped out the town of St. Pierre, all had wiped out the town of St. Pierre, all the boats available at Fort de France the boats available at Fort de France the decay was exceedingly simple, but the sassistance of the confederate Army, the boats available at Fort de France the funeral was exceedingly simple, but the graph of the boats available at Fort de France and St. Pierre, all the pews directly in the rear of the directly in the rear of the dead archbishop was taken. Then the body was placed in a casket, which was taken to the crypt under the high altar and placed in a vault beside the bodies of Archbishop. Highes and Cardinal McCloskey. boats available at Fort to Italian deeply impressive. There were no signs of that place of mourning about he church, but magnificent floral emblems, gifts of the President and others, banked the space across the rear of the chancel. The President arrived at the church

almost simultaneously with the head of

the funeral escert.

Advancing slowly to the words of a Psalm, the funeral party turned into the main aisle. Behind the clergyman and headed by the Admiral of the navy. George Dewey, were Sampson's war cap-tains and many other notable naval chiefs. The war captains were in full uniform and wore black sword knots of

crepe.

As the casket, which was closely cov-As the casket, which was closely covered with the blue field of the American flag, was gently lowered upon the bier from the shoulders of the Blue Jackets, the male quartette sang, "Lead Kindly Light." Meanwhile the mountners, the family of the deceased, save Mrs. Samp-son, who was too ill to attend, were seated. Then followed the funeral ritual

of the Presbyterian Church.

The burial ceremonies at Arlington were imple, being confined to a prayer for the simple, being confined to a prayer for the dead, the reading of a fsalm, music and the sounding of "taps" by a sugler stationed at the head of the open grave.

The President and his Cabinet did not go to Arlington.

THE ARCHBISHOP BURIED.

Impressive Solemnity Marked Last Rites Over Prelates Body. (By Associated Press.)

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 9,—The body of the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Cerrigan.

D. D., archbishop of New York, was interred to-day in the crypt of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The funeral was conducted with all the impressive solemnity and ceremony of his church and attended by a remarkable gathering of clergy. Almost with the break of day crowds began to assemble at the cathedral, and when the hour of the funeral arrived a vast mulliour of the funeral arrived a vast mul-titude had assembled to pay last rever-ence to the dead prelate. The chimes played and then the bells

tolled from the spires, and after that the thousands of priests and bishops and archbishops and Cardinal Gibbons filed in, following a boy with a cross and candle-bearers. There were bearded Franciscans in coarse brown cowls, with living soul was seen ashere, only flames. The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Roralma was seen to explode and disappear.

The commander of the Suchet reports that at 1 o'clock on Thursday the entire town of St. Pierre was wrapped in flames. He endeavored to save about thirty persons, more or less burned, from the vessels in the harbor. His officers went ashore in small boats seeking for survivors, but were unable to penetrate the town. They saw heaps of bodies upon the whatves, and it is believed that upon the whatves, and it is believed that the coals, and more priests in lace, bishops in purple, and after an interval the spare, bent figure of the Cardinal, in red, and two deacons, in black and gold, a half pace behind him on either side. There were National Guard officers in uniform, and up the south aisle came various officers in uniform, and up the south aisle came various officers of the Southern Railway. Lee Turner was running a saloon at La Follows. He title, Tenn. The men were cousins, but all enemies.

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ranged in proper precedence, and the Cardinal ascended his throne and the at-tending deacons placed over his red the white vestments of the mass and on his head the white mitre, and the mass be-

After the reading of the gospel, Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, preached tuc sermon, paying an eloquent tribute to the dead prelate. After the sermon Cardinal Gibbohs, accompanied by four behops of the arch-diocese—Bishops Purke Gabriels Lyddog and Markhall. Burke, Gabriels, Ludden and McQuide-descended to the catifalque. The five ab-solutions to which the dead archbishop by rank of office was entitled were then

O. D. LINER AGROUND.

The Hatteras Lost Bearings During Fog-Is Fast Aground. (By Associated Press.) RALEIGH, N. C., May 9 .- A special to

the News and Observer from Washington, N. C., says: "There was a dense for on Pamlico

River last night and the Old Dominion liner Hatteras lost her bearings and to-dry lies on the sand flats off Rodman's Creek. Captain David Hill is in com-"The liner Albemarle, of same company,

went down to pull her off, but the water was too shallow and she came near going aground herself. The Hatteras is still or the flats, with tugs trying to pull her

President of Hayti Resigns.

(By Associated Press.) FORT AU PRINCE, HAYTI, May 8-General Tiresias Simon Sam, president of the Haytian Republic, has resigned his

The Haytian Congress will assemble The city of Port au Prince is quiet.

LEE TURNER, OF **QUARTER HOUSE**

Shot His Cousin John to Death and is Himself Fatally Wounded

(By Associated Press.)

MIDDLESBORO, KY., May 9.-John Furner, formerly chief of police of Middlesboro, was killed to-day by Lee Turner, of "Quarter House" fame at "The Narrows," thirteen miles from Jellico, Tello. John Turner was one of the guards of the Southern Railway. Lee Turner was running a saloon at La Fol-lette, Tenn. The men were cousins, but

tively unimportant committees, a quorum is often hard to secure, the members are annoyed by long and tedious delays and the business of the city suffers in

other committees, and one new committee

It Will Have Charge of the Assessments

pointed for this purpose. The new arrangement provides for fifmembership citizens not members of the

are twenty-six joint Council committees, including the James River Committee and the Board of Public Interests.

arrangement, which will certainly go into effect with the new Council in July, the work of the Council, the larger por-tion of which is done in committees, will be greatly expedited. At this time, with

great number of small and compara-

Under the new arrangement ten com-nittees are discontinued or merged was

THE NEW COMMITTEE.

The new committee, decided upon on recommendation of the City Attorney, Pollard, will be known as the "Committee on Local Assessments." It will consist of eleven members, five from the Board of Aldermen and six from the Common Council, five of whom will constitute a management. uorum. In all other committees a m will take charge of the large volume of indebtedness to the city incurred by rea-son of sidewalk and other improvements charged against the abutting property This is said now to amount t The Council has neglected to matter for quite a time. It is proposed to conduct the city's affairs in this connection in more business-like (ashion here after, and hence the committee. From the nature of the task before it and the friction that will result from any serious effort to push its work and settle up claims, it is safe to forecast that there will be no general stampede among the members of the new Council for the

places on this committee.

Ten committees are discontinued or neerged with others. The Committee on Fire Department is dropped, as its dutics now fall to the Board of Fire Com-The three committees of Police, Elections and Schools are merged nto one committee. The two committees n Claims and Salaries and Accounts and on Claims and Salaries and Accounts and Frinting are merged into one committee. The three committees on Croinances, Charter Changes and Retrenchment and Feform are merged into one committee. The three committees on the three mar-kets are merged into one committee. The Committee on Fire Alarm and Police Telegraph is dropped for the same reaon as the Committee on the Fire De-artment. The Committee on Shockor partment. The Committee on Shockoe Creek is merged with that on streets. LIST OF COMMITTEES.

Under the new scheme there will be the Howing joint Council Committees:

1. A Committee on Streets and Shocked Creek, to consist of fourteen members, rie from the Board and Common Coun-

2. The following eight committees, to consist of cleven members each, five from the Board of Aldermen and six from the ommon Council: Finance, Light, Elec-tricity, Water, Relief of the Poor, Health,

tricity. Water, Relief of the Poor, Health, Grounds and Buildings and Ordinances, Charter and Reform.

Under the present arrangement, Finance, Light, Water, Relief of the Poor, Health and Grounds and Buildings have nine members, four from the Board and five from the Common Council. The Flectricity Committee now has seven members, three from the Board and four form the Common Council. The new Orthon om the Common Council. The new Or-inance, Charter and Reform Committee till be the consolidation of three comittees, which now aggregate a member

nittees, which now aggregate the ship of nineteen.

3. The following four committees, to consist of nine members each, four from the Beard and five from the Common Council: Printing and Claims, Cometeries, Markets, and Police, Election and Schools. The first is a consolidation of committees of five members each. The low have five members each. The Schools members each.

The St. John's Burying-ground Committee will remain as at present-a com-mittee of five, two from the Board and three from the Common Council. The James River Committee will con-sist of three Aldermen, five Councilmen and seven from the Chamber of Com-

merce, as at present.

The Board of Public Interests will consist of two Aldermen, three Councilmen and five citizens, as at present.

Under the new arrangement there will be seventy-five committee appointments rom the Board of Aldermen. vided among twenty-one members, or about three and a half committees on an average to an Alderman, and ninety-two committee appointments from the Comnon Council to be divided among thirtyfive members, or something over two and a half committees on an average to each

WONDERFUL GUNS OF THE KEARSARGE

They Make a New World's Record in Heavy Firing While at Practice.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 9.—During the gunnery tests of the North Atlantic Squadron, while at the Southern drill grounds, about thirty miles beyond the Virginia Capes, the battleship Kear-sarge led all other vessels and made a comarkable record by making seven hits but of eleven shots from her thirteennch guns.

Naval officers say this is a phenomenal record, never having been equalled in the history of the American navy, which is equivalent to saying that it is a world's

The targets-forty-five-foot rafts, with a canvas sail stretched from mast to mast, were a mile off. The ship steamed bast at half speed, firing in rapid succession when opposite the mark. Just one minute elapsed between the time the projectile left the ammunition deck and the time it was hurled from the gun. The other ships made good records, too but none equalled that of the Kearsarge.

FOUGHT THE FLAMES. Mr. William Powell Badly Burned, but Saves His Home.

Mr. William Powell, of No. 5201/2 North Fifth Street, was badly burned about the nead, breast and hands last night while extinguishing the flames which were consuming heavy curtains anging between two rooms in his home. The fire had gotten fair headway when Mr. Powell en-tered the rooms, and was threatening the destruction of the house. Without giving an alarm he fought the flames singlehanded, and though successful in pulling down the burning curtains and smotherown the burning curtains and smother-ing the fire, he was himself badly, but not seriously, burned.

Dr. Thomas Murrell, of the ambulance, was summoned, and treated Mr. Powell

Queen Out of Danger. THE HAGUE, May 3.-Queen Wilhelmina was able to sign royal decrees this afternoon.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MEET AT ASHEVILLE

Da Cintes.

Strong Virginia Delegation in Attendance.

GOV. J.P.EAGLE PRESIDENT

Reports on the Work of the Church Are Heard.

SEVERAL CITIES COMPETING

A Lively Fight for the Convention Next Year-Savannah and Waco in the Lead-Memphis, Nashville and Louisville Will Be Heard from-Virginians Favor Savannah.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BATTERY PARK HOTEL, ASHE VILLE, N. C., May 9.-Virginia has been decidedly in evidence on this, the first day, of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Virginia delegation is here 139 streng, and a placard over the President's chair shows that of the \$173,000 given for foreign missions, the Old Dominion contributed \$25,000.

The opening devotional exercises of the convention were conducted by Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway for many years the mod-

T. S. Dunaway, for many years the moderator of the Virginia General Association. The matter of choosing a presiding officer occupied a large part of the morning session. Rev. J. W. Millard and Dr. John Pollard, of Bowling Green, Va., urged the election of Hon. Joshua Levering, and North Carolina voted for Rev. Dr. Marsh, but the speech of Dr. W. E. Hatcher carried the day for ex-Governor J. P. Eagle, of Arkansas, who was elect

ed by a large majority.

The Times, several weeks ago, forecasted the choice of Governor Eagle. After the body had effected its organization a wave of tenderness swept over the body when it was announced that Rev. C. G. Jones, of Covington, Ky. was lying at home at the point of death. He was for some years the popular pastor of the

College Hill Church, in Lynchburg, and is one of the best preachers of the con-

vention.

ILLNESS OF DR. TICHENOR.

Mention was also made of the serious illness of Rev. Dr. J. L. White, of Macon, Ga.; Rev. Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, of Greenville, S. C., and Rev. Dr. I. T. Tichenor, for so long the secretary of the Home Mission Board, Rev. Dr. Wilsten of Richmond, led the conven-Tichenor, for so long the sectedary of the Home Mission Board. Rev. Dr. Willingham, of Richmond, led the convention in prayer for these brethren and their families, and the great congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." A lively fight has set in for the convention in 1963. Savannah and Waco are the chief aspirants for the honor of entertaining the body next year, but Memphis and perhaps Nashville and Louisville will put in their claims. Virginia will vote for Savannah.

The Woman's Missionary Union was in session this morning, and this afternoon the parlors of the Battery Park Hotel baye been given up to a reception to the ladies of the union.

Numerous Virginia educators are at the convention. Dr. Nelson, of the Wo-

Numerous Virginia educators are at the convention. Dr. Nelson, of the Woman's College, Richmond; Rev. R. W. Cridlin, of Burkeville; Rev. Dr. Tribble, of the Rawlings Institute. Charlottesville, and Miss Mattle Cocke and Professor F. W. Duke, of Hollins Institute. Dr. F. C. McConnell preached the convention sermon to-night. It was an earnest plea for a larger missionary spirit. By offer of business adopted to-night the By order of business adopted to-night the convention will adjourn Monday night. On Sunday there will be a series of special addresses on subjects pertaining t "Doctrine, Devotion and Duty." One of these addresses will be made by Dr. W. H. Whitsitt. On Sunday night addresses in memory of Drs. Kerfoot and Tuppe will be delivered by Drs. Henry McDon-ald and J. B. Hawthorne. Dr. Hatcher will spēāk Monday night on education.

FOUR THOUSAND DELEGATES

Attendance on Forty-seventh Session of Southern Baptist Convention is Large-

(By Associated Press.)
ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 9.—The
Southern Baptist Convention, which began its forty-seventh annual session here morning elected former Governor J. P. Eagle, of Arkansas, president, and requested prayers for Dr. B. M. Palmer, the well-known Presbyterian minister of New Orleans, who was recently in-

The first session was called to order by President E. J. Northen, of Atlanta. Almost the entire morning session was taken up with the enrollment of delegates. About 4,000 delegates and representations of the control sentatives were in attendance. clined a re-election, the names of ex-Governor Eagle, of Arkansas; Hon. Joseph Levering, of Baltimore, and Dr. R. H. Marsh, of North Carolina, were

(Continued on Second Page.)

GENERAL STRIKE ORDERED, BUT WITH QUALIFICATION.

Convention of Miners Will Meet in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday Next to Determine Whether or Not It Be Made Permanent.

SCRANTON, PA., May 9.—A general strike of the miners of the anthracite region has been ordered for Monday region has been ordered for Monday next, but the order has a reserve qualification attached. The question as to whether the strike is to be made permanent is left to the decision of a convention of delegates of all the local organization of the mine workers to be held at Hazelton next Wednesday.

At the conclusion of the morning's session, President Mitchell gave out the following statement:

session, President Mitchell gave out the following statement:

"Replies to our proposition to submit the entire question in dispute to an impartial board of arbitration have been received from President Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading: Chairman Thomas, of the Eric Railroad; President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna, and President Oliphant, of the Delaware and Hudson, all of whom refuse to join us in the adjustment of the dispute by

and Hudson, all of whom refuse to join us in the adjustment of the dispute by the methods which we proposed.

At the afternoon session a vote was taken on the proposition to strike and at its close President Mitchell zave out a statement setting forth the failure of the negotiations and that "the committees feet that before a general strike is inaugurated the question should be further considered by a delegation convention.

tion.
"In the meantime all persons employed in or around the collieries, strippings, washeries, and breakers are instructed to temporarily abstain from working, beginning with Monday, May 1th, and continuing thereafter until a final decision is the control of t tinning thereafter than a convention, reached by a delegates' convention, which will convene Wednesday morning. May 14th, at Hazelton, Pa. The instruction for all men to suspend work on Monday does not include firemen, engineers. pump men and other labor necessary to preserve the properties of the operators." The order is signed by all the district

The order is signed by all the district presidents and secretaries.

There was a big crowd about when the erder was given out, and the proverbial dropping of a pin would have been audible at any time. President Mitchell stood in the center of the crowd on a chair and read the statement.

At the conclusion of President Mitchell's reading the crowd scattered, and in an incredibly short space of time the news had traveled by word of mouth and by message all through the valley.

news had traveled by word or mouth and by message all through the valley. There is not a particle of question but that not a shovelful of coal will be mined in the Lackawanna Valley Monday,

BEGAN ON SATURDAY.

Soufriere Volcano is Also Erupting, but Has Done No Harm.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 9.—A dispatch to the
Reuter Telegram Company from Kings.
ton, Jamaica, after giving the details
of the Martinique disaster, already known, says:
"Thousands were killed at St. Pierre. Thousands were knied at St. Pierte, where a terrible panic prevailed. The eruption began Saturday, May 3, when St. Pierre was covered with ashes and appeared to be enveloped in fog. The flow of lava continued until Wednesday,

May 7." The message adds: "In the Island of St. Vincent the Soufriere (volcano) is active and earthquakes are frequent. But, so far, no damage has been done. In response to the request of Governor Llewellan, of the Windward Islands, the British second-class cruiser Indefatigable has been dispatched from the Island of Trinidad to the Island of St. Vincent, by way of St. Lucia.

All Escape Safely. (By Associated Press.) COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, May 9.-Fire that started at 4 o'clock this after-

Deaf, causing a loss estimated at \$350,000 The buildings were uninsured, the State carrying its own risks. Two hundred and sixty pupils and sixty-three teachers, of-ficers and employes were in the building at the time, all of whom escaped without

difficulty.

The origin of the fire is unknown,

FIRST ANNIVERSARY. Metropolitan Lodge, Odd Fellows, In-

dulge in a Banquet

dulge in a Banquet

The first anniversary of the Metropolitan Lodge of Odd-Fellows was celebrated in fine style last night. The meeting and banquet was held at the Masonic Temple. The attendance was the largest known in the year's history or the lodge, and the company which gathered about the festive board was one of the largest and gayest that have been seen in Richmond for many a day. Fully three hundred were present.

The menu was excellent, containing all of the dainties and delicacies to be had in the Richmond markets.

The feature of the post-prandial exercises was the address of Mr. Jefferson Wallace. Mr. Wallace delivered an excellent speech, which bristled with apt quotations and ciassic allusions.

The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all and will be long remembered. The second anniversary will be looked forward to with eagerness.

BAT ONE FUNERAL.

Ford Brothers Will Be Buried at Same Time.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 2.—There was a meeting of relatives of Paul Leicester Ford and Malcolm W. Ford to-day. Worthington Ford said there would be but one funeral and that the services would be conducted by Bishop Burgess, of Long Island, formerly rector of Grace Church, Brooklyn, assisted by the Rev. Der Stire Person (Chiral) Church, Brooklyn, assisted by the Lo. Dr. Stires, rector of St. Thomas Church, Immediately after the bodies New York. Immediately after the bodies would be taken to Irvington-on-the-fludson for interment. Mrs. Paul Ford rallied to-day from the shock. She is still weak, but is out of danger.

EXCITING SCENE IN THE LOBBY

Senator McLaurin Knocked Down the Man Who Insulted

Him.

(Br Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 9.—There was an exciting scene in the lobby of a hotel here to-night in which Senator McLaurin. here to night in which Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, figured. The Senator was sitting in the dining-room with a gentleman, when he became the object of some offensive attention from a man, whose name the Senator refuses to disclose, and who, the Senator says, was under the influence of liquor at the time. Shortly after this the Senator and his friend left the dining-room and went to the cigar stand. While standing there the man, who had followed the Senator from the dining-room, appeared and approached him, whereupon Mr. McLaurin knocked him down. knocked him down.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, May 9.—

Fire that started at 4 o'clock this afternoon destroyed the main building and the chapel of the Iowa School for the There were no arrests.

MAY IMPEACH A **BISHOP AT DALLAS**

Bishop Morrison Said He Had No Part in War Claim Report

THE BOOK QUESTION UP

Debate Precipitated by a Minority Report from California.

HE WANTS IT IN WRITING

A Boom in the Virginia Delegation for Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith for Bishop. Dr. Hoss Will Fill One of the Vacancies-Virginia Sent Up Memorials on Divorce and the War Claim.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) DALLAS, TEX., May 2.-The debate on the book question was precipitated to-day by J. P. Strother, of the Les Angeles conference, who gave notice of a minority report which will assall the report of the Book Committee, made yesterday, in most vigorous style. Dr. Paul Whitehead, of Virginia, was on the floor several times, insisting on having everything pertaining to the subject reduced to writing so there could be no dodging hereafter. It was urged that the Book Committee gives only one side of the controversy, omitting much of a positive character of testimony which shows the claim was procured through misrepre-sentation; in fact, it is alleged that one of the book agents made such a con-

A PRECEDENT SMASHED.

Bishop Morrison, of he North Georgia
Conference, to-day broke a long-established precedent. It has always been Conference, to-day broke a long-estab-lished precedent. It has always been customary that the bishops be in har-mony. To-day he secured the floor and stated that the report of the bishops made concerning the war cialm was never submitted to him; that he had no official or other connection with it and opposed it. This action created some-thing of a stir. To be plain, there are rumors to-night of the institution of im-peachment proceedings against him. The Virginia Conference sent up me-morials bearing on divorce and the war claim.

claim.
It is understood the Virginia delegation It is understood the Virginia delegation is divided on several of the subjects which will come up, for instance, the establishment of the order of deconnesses. This is a touchy subject and one that will be approached cautiously.

DR. A. COKÉ SMITH FOR BISHOP. The Virginia delegation has set on foot a boom for A. Coke Smith for bishop. The delegation is said to be solidly for him, and since it was noised about

or him, and since it was noised for him, and since it was noised about this morning he is reported to have rapidly gained in strength.

It seems certain that Dr. Hoss, editor of the Christian Advocate, at Nashville, will be one of the new bishops. Virginians are discussing his probable successor, and it may be that they will bring out a candidate for this office also.

Appointments of Virginians on committees were appropried to the succession of the succ

es were announced to-day as follow Episcopacy-Rev. B. F. Lipscomb. Itin-erary-J. C. Reed. Revisals-Paul White-head. Missions-A. Coke Smith. Book erary—J. C. Keen. Revisals—Fall Ville-head. Missions—A. Coke Smith. Book Interests—James Cannon. Jr. Appeals—J. P. Garland. Church Extension—G. I. Hurt. Education—W. W. Smith. Boun-daries—G. I. Hunt. Temperance—E. T. West. Sunday-schools-E. G. Mosely. Epworth League-W. W. Vickar. Col-portage-T. J. Barham. Finance-B. F. Lipscomb. Internal Correspondence-A. Coke Smith.

His Nomination Confirmed.

(By Associatel Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—In excertive session to-day John DeVeaux
(colored) was confirmed as collector of customs for the district of Savannah, Ga. Both Georgia Senators voted against the confirmation and made brief state-ments of their opposition to the nomi-ration, but did not feel it expedient to

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

press their opposition.

FORECAST.

24 hours

LOCAL.

Blues to celebrate their anniversary at the Temple to-night.
Well known persons die in Swansboro. Further investigation into the death of Clifford Allen.
Oakwood Memorial Day will be celebrated to-day.
Manchester City Council met last night. Street Committee considers rooke Avenue franchise.
Field day at Richmond College.

Field day at Richmond College. Lee Camp to visit Norfolk next week. VIRGINIA.

Remarkable freight wreck on Southern at Lynchburg results in death of one can. First delegate arrives to convention of Locomotive Engineers in Norfolk. Saw-mill plant at Arringdale burned, causing loss of over \$50,000.

No foundation for press report of boycott against Norfolk Railway and Light Company.

Company.

Damage suit of Dolen vs. Spencer being heard in Williamsburg.

Farmer in Madison county loses house, barn and furniture by fire.

New rallroad proposed to be run from Bremo to Danville.

GENERAL.

More details from disaster at Martinique confirm horrors. Thousands perished in molten lava from volcano.

General strike of anthracite miners ordered, but convention of delegates will meet Wednesday to decide whether it be made permanent.
Accrimonious debate in Methodist Conference over publishing matter.

Baptists elect former Governor Eagle president and conduct much other busi-

president and Coulsville and Nashville near.

Southern and Louisville and Nashville reach compromise over disputed territory.

Debate in Senate was mild vesterday in comparison with those recently heard. House passed statehood bill.

Admiral Sampson's funeral was attended with pomp and circumstance.

Funeral of Archbishop Corrigan impressively conducted.